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June 3, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hogg
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Dear Folks:

I read Jerry's report in the May 14 issue of Gospel Advocate and was pleased to know of the good work going on there. I have thought of both of you often with great admiration and respect. I have had one letter from John Waddey since he returned from South Africa. It sounds like his work there was greatly rewarding.

Jerry, I pray that God will richly bless you for the wisdom and direction you need for your work. I am thrilled by what your most recent report indicates of God's rich blessings on you and your efforts. I hope that you find the opportunities there continuing to open up for you as you serve in faith and love.

I simply wanted to write and let you know of my concern and appreciation. I pray that God will give both of you the strength and life needed for the great service you are rendering.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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J. Randall Chaudoin, 1153 South Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, Florida, April 25: "I am completing one school term and working as part time educational director with the Andrews Avenue church in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. In June I will be full-time with the church. We are planning to open a kindergarten and a day care center. Robert L. Brewer, Jr., serves as minister for this church. When in South Florida worship with us. We send the *Advocate* to every home."

James England, Jr., P.O. Box 33, Waynesboro, Tenn., April 20: "Young people from approximately forty congregations attended the Area-wide Youth Forum at Waynesboro April 11. At the evening session Tom Holland spoke to a large audience on 'Decisions Determine Destinies.' The writer would highly recommend such a program to other congregations."

Danny F. Cottrell, 1600 N. Missouri, West Memphis, Ark. 72301, April 21: "In the meeting at Humboldt, Tenn., six were baptized. Last Sunday at West Memphis two were baptized. Two Sundays ago we set a new contribution record. Mid McKnight is with us this week."

Michael D. Stone, P. O. Box 414, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., 38464, April 26: "Ira Y. Rice was here in Lawrence County for a meeting April 10-12. In March at Long Branch we had a meeting with Sellers Crain as evangelist. Since March of 1968 the Long Branch church has supported Gregorio Gallardo in the Philippines."

Clifton E. Doty, Route 2, Woodbury, Tenn., 37190, April 20: "Open house and our first meeting closed April 16. The preachers were formerly of the Leoni congregation or began their ministry here. Three were baptized and one restored."

W. Gaddys Roy, 5202 Sakston Drive, Anniston, Ala., 36201, April 20: "One was baptized at Sakston Heights last night. My next meeting at Sedalia, Mo., will begin June 8."

Lawrence J. Gardner, Route 1, Smyrna, Tenn., April 22: "Recently several Christians have moved to this area and placed membership with Highland Heights. A husband and wife were baptized this week. Our vacation Bible school will be June 22-26. We are located on Highways 41-505, about one mile below Smyrna."

Jerry V. Hogg, P. O. Box 89, Fonteinriet, Boksborg, Transvaal, Republic of South Africa, April 20: "John Waddey, minister of the Karns church in Knoxville, Tenn., has spent two months in South Africa. He preached every day while here and many days three and four times. We enjoyed his visit tremendously and feel he was a great help to the work in this country. In the past year and a half, I have worked with a White congregation in Boksborg. I am now beginning to preach and teach among the African and coloured congregations in this area. This is a most rewarding work. John Hardin, Lester Duncan and I are buying a large tent and bus to use in holding meetings. We need help in paying for these needed facilities. If you would like to help, send your check to Karns Church of Christ, Route 20, Knoxville, Tenn. We read the *Advocate* each week with much interest."

Frank L. Cox, 2018 Woodhaven Drive, Tyler, Texas, 75701, April 20: "In the absence of Mike Warner, the regular minister, I preached twice yesterday for the Northwest church, this city. Mike is deeply appreciated and the work of this good congregation is moving forward. *The Bible; How to Study the Bible*; and *Why Study the Bible* are the

topics of a series of lectures I plan to deliver at the Blue Ridge Encampment, Asheville, N. C., in June. If time, suitable for all concerned, can be arranged I would be happy to deliver the same series in your locality."

Kenneth Bray, P. O. Box 1201, Dalton, Ga., April 22: "After five years with Central church in Dalton, I will move in June to Bradenton, Fla., to work with the Forty-third Street church. My new address will be 2300 43rd Street West, Bradenton, Fla., 33505."

Phillip A. Dunn, 4209 McKinley Ave., Anderson, Ind., 46014, April 20: "Paul D. Murphy did a splendid job preaching God's word during our recent meeting. There were three baptized and six restored. The last two Sundays since the meeting we have had five restored. When in this area worship with us at Columbus Avenue."

Joe Harber, P.O. Box 726, Seminole, Texas, April 20: "Hugh Tinsley held our meeting recently. Eight were baptized."

Geoffrey Ellis, Beamsville, Ontario, April 21: "Will Ed Warren, preacher of the Strathmoor church in Detroit, will preach the morning and evening sermons at the June meeting of churches of Christ in Ontario on June 7. This in-gathering of brethren from throughout the northeast, for worship and fellowship, will be hosted by the church in Beamsville, and will be held in the auditorium of the Beamsville District High School. The June meeting has been an annual occurrence in Ontario for over 100 years. About 1,000 people are expected. Roy D. Merritt, Dean of the Faculty of Bible and Missions of Great Lakes Christian College, will deliver an address at 3:00 P.M. A singing and 'dinner-on-the-grounds' are scheduled. Brethren throughout the region are invited to attend."

C. L. Raymer, 208 Alvin, Poplar Bluff, Mo., 63901, April 23: "Since my last report, we have had six restored and four baptized. We enjoy the *Advocate*. Worship with us when traveling through Poplar Bluff. South Side is a small growing church."

Charles E. Moore, 4000 West Third St., Bloomington, Ind., 47401, April 20: "Recently we have exceeded every record of the church here. In March four were added to the Lord's body and in April four more responded. When in the Bloomington area visit us."

Arlie Smith, Apartado 5103, Lisbon 5, Portugal, April 22: "Two were baptized in Lisbon in April. Two hundred and seven new requests for the Bible Correspondence Course have been received. Graduates in all parts of Portugal continue to request more lessons and more reading material. Last week I went to Porto, the second largest city in Portugal, and baptized one of these students. He is interested in getting a church started there. Other students in Porto impressed me with their interest in learning more about the Bible, and asked for more lessons and reading material. Please continue your contributions to the Portuguese Bible Literature fund at the above address, or to the elders of the church, Fourth and Dixon, Tusculumbia, Alabama, 35674."

Jack Gray, 3500 W. Golf Course Road, Midland, Texas, 79701, April 20: "We have recently closed a thrilling meeting with Charles Coil of Florence, Ala., preaching. There were 137 responses, including forty-two baptisms. Our attendance averaged 750 per service to surpass our average Sunday morning attendance. There have been four baptized, two restored and two to place membership since the meeting. Our work continues to grow in all areas. I continue to help churches prepare for greater gospel meetings on non-service nights."

J. T. Marlin, Box 407, Hereford, Texas, April 24: "At Central there were three restorations Sunday. Two young men were baptized this week. Truman Spring preached in our meeting in March with 76 responses. I will be in a meeting at Westside, Muncie, Ind., April 19-24, and at Hillcrest, Anderson, Ind., April 26-May 1."

Eddie Hendrix, P. O. Box 832, Dunedin, New Zealand, April 16: "The work is progressing very well in Dunedin. Twenty-three have been baptized into Christ since the church began meeting here eight months ago. We are grateful to God that we can be part of such a fruitful work."

James W. Berry, 3014 LaRhoda St., Montgomery, Ala., 36110, April 19: "The church here at Highland Gardens is on the move with Coleman Boyd as minister and Burt Isom as associate minister. We baptized a Baptist and one who was raised in the church of God on April 10. The next day we baptized two missionary Baptists and tonight we baptized another Baptist. Raymond Rucker will be with us in June for a meeting."

Bill Browning, Franklin, Ky., April 27: "We want you to know about our work at Marshall's Branch on the Long Fork of Shelby Creek near Hartly, Ky. Some three years ago we held a tent meeting in this community. Nine members became regular worshippers in an old school house off the highway, up Marshall's Branch. Since this small beginning we have had three other meetings and three vacation Bible schools. The congregation now has forty-two members. The attendance ranges from forty to one hundred each Sunday and we have bought an old school house and spent \$500 in repairs. The cost of the property and repairs amounted to about \$1,500. Our need for the community is \$400 a month for a preacher, a church bus, and \$20,000 for a meetinghouse. There is not a meetinghouse of any kind in the area. The church at Franklin, Ky., is supporting a young preacher, who preaches at Neon, Ky., \$60 a month to go to this point and teach the young people and preach on Sundays when they do not have a visiting preacher. We are in debt at Neon \$16,000 for our building, yet we feel we should help at Marshall's Branch, because others have been so good to us. Only two members of the church at Marshall's Branch have jobs, and they are sisters. One is a school teacher and the other has a small paying job. The rest of the people are on pensions or welfare. There are about twenty young people. They have pledged themselves to \$75 per month to this effort. I have held meetings and helped others in meetings and vacation Bible schools and made a small donation each month. If need be I will visit your congregation and explain this need. I am sixty-six years old and this is the eighth time I have had a part in starting a new work. I hope God permits me to start the ninth before I go the way of all the earth. The field is white unto harvest. Pray for us, yet remember that prayer is not a substitute for getting the job done. This work is recommended both by the church at Franklin, Ky., and Central Pike church of Nashville, Tenn."

D. Ellis Walker, Pulaski St., Lawrenceburg, Tenn., April 27: "Ten have been baptized within the last few weeks, a few restored and a number have placed membership with us. Since the debt on the educational building has been reduced to a trifling sum, the elders purchased some residential property on the back of the parking lot in order to expand our parking lot and to provide a temporary home for my associate. He is Paul Epler and he is to direct the visitation program and work with the young people."

Needed Preacher

Middle aged—experienced—zeal for personal work—small congregation (30 members)—in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Church of Christ, 269 Barney St., Wilkes Barre, Pa. 18702.

The church in Owingsville, Kentucky, is in need of a full time preacher. Contact Elders, Church of Christ, Owingsville, Kentucky 40360.

Mature preacher wanted for work in Hong Kong. Call or write: Church of Christ Box 1014, Brady, Texas 76825. Phone (915) 597-1365 or 597-2748.